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Pulaski youth wins regional conservation speech contest

Tracy Harl, 17, of Pulaski, was the regional winner of the soil conservation districts speech contest held Thursday evening at the Ottumwa Holiday Inn.

Tracy, a senior at Davis County High School, Bloomfield, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Harl. His winning 10-minute talk was titled "Soil Conservation, the Lifeline to Continued Prosperity."

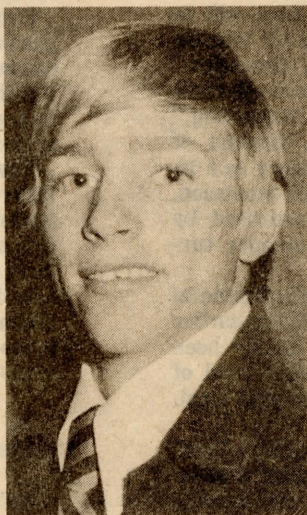
Tracy will represent the 13 counties of District Nine when he competes in the state contest Nov. 29 in Des Moines.

As the regional winner he received a \$30 award from Grinnell Re-insurance Company.

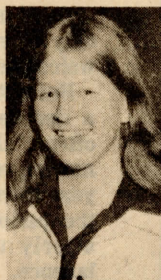
The second-place winner was Dawn Singleton, 14, of Ottumwa, a student at Walsh Junior High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.K. Singleton of 2632 Marilyn Road. She received a \$20 award.

The third-place award of \$15 went to Rita Gergely, 17, a student at Albion Community High School and daughter of Mrs. George Gergely of near Eddyville.

There were 10 contestants in the competition Thursday.



TRACY HARL

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When Harl goes to Des Moines he will be competing for the top prize of a \$300 scholarship and \$110 in cash.

Also at the regional meeting, Ollie Kaldenberg of Monroe County was named to a three-year term as a regional

director and John Sellers Jr. of Wayne County was named alternate.

Dale Stanley of Keokuk County was named outstanding soil district commissioner from the 13-county region.